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REMARKS**STATUS OF THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-2, and 4-27 were pending in this application. Claims 1, 11, and 21 have been amended. Claims 22-27 have been cancelled. Following entry of the amendments claims 1, 2, 4-21 will be pending and at issue.

SUPPORT FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 and 11 have been amended to more clearly define Applicant's invention, to recite a compound that specifically hybridizes with a target defined by nucleotides 391 through 1639 of the nucleic acid molecule encoding human interleukin 8 (SEQ ID NO:3). Support for the amendment can be found throughout the specification as filed, e.g., SEQ ID NO:3 recited on page 80, lines 21-26, and the compounds disclosed in Table 1 of the specification that hybridize to the nucleotide ranges recited by amended claims 1 and 11.

Claim 21 has been amended to recite SEQ ID NOS that hybridize to nucleotides 391 through 1639 of the nucleic acid molecule encoding human interleukin 8 (SEQ ID NO:3). The amendment finds support in the claims as originally filed, e.g., original claim 3 and the compounds disclosed in Table 1 of the specification that hybridize to the nucleotides 391 through 1639 of the nucleic acid molecule encoding human interleukin 8 (SEQ ID NO:3).

The amendments to the claims therefore add no new matter.

RESPONSE DATED 11/26/03

Applicant request reconsideration of the comments and arguments presented in the Response dated 11/26/03, which address all of the Examiner's comment and rejections in the Office Action dated 09/26/03.

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CONCLUSION

Withdrawal of the pending rejections and reconsideration of the claims are respectfully requested, and a notice of allowance is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any questions concerning this Response, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's representative at (415) 875-2316.

Respectfully submitted,
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